

APPROVED: Meeting No. 8-84

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 5-84

February 27, 1984

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in executive session in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday February 27, 1984, for the purposes of discussing litigation, sale of property and to consult with counsel.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Douglas Duncan
Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian
Councilman John Tyner, II

There being no further business to come before the Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

Re: General Session

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 27, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.

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The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Blick reported the following:

1. Public Information Officer, Sue Patterson, recently passed a comprehensive examination administered by the Public Relations Society of America and is now accredited by the Society.
2. Beginning March 1, the License and Inspection Department will conduct a comprehensive interior inspection of every occupied unit at David Scull Courts and Lincoln Terrace Apartments.

3. The first response from the CEISCO luncheon has come in with the DANAC Corporation pledging volunteer time and a \$1,000 engineering scholarship for Richard Montgomery High School.

4. The public hearing on the County's Tilley Frank Bill No. 9-84, has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, at 2 p.m. The City of Rockville has been signed up to testify.

5. Plans and specifications have been compiled for the Mall ramp demolition and removal. The permit has been received from the State Highway Administration. Bids will be received March 15.

Mayor Freeland asked that the City's plans be coordinated with those of the Eisinger Kilbane Development.

6. On February 22 Public Works employees William Hammond, Theodore Frazier, and James Stevenson noticed smoke at 1109 Grandin Avenue. After investigating with the neighbors, a knock on the door and windows and eventually aroused occupant Mr. Thomas. They had called for fire trucks via their two-way radio. The only notification of the fire department reduced damage to the house and the prompt action of these employees probably saved the life of the home occupant.

Mayor Freeland said the Mayor and Council are always proud of City employees who act above and beyond the call of duty. These employees should be recognized for their action.

Councilman Tyner noted that City resident Marge Winham died last week. She was one of the administrators of the City's R/P program. He read a paragraph from her obituary.

Re: Proclamation: Municipal
Home Rule Day - March 1,
1984

Proclamation No. 1-84

There being no objection from the Council, Mayor Freeland proceeded to issue Proclamation No. 1-84, proclaiming March 1, 1984, as Home Rule Day in the City of Rockville. Councilman Tyner, President of the Maryland Municipal League, read the proclamation at the request of the Mayor in which it was urged that all citizens be mindful of this important observance.

Re: Correspondence

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of Correspondence:

1. State Department of Assessments & Taxation, re Constant Yield Tax Rate

Councilman Tyner suggested that the Budget office write and attempt to get an explanation on how the State arrives at this rate. He noted that they have never been able to explain it but each inquiry seems to raise the figure.

2. Delegate Forehand, re bottle bill legislation
Delegate Robertson, re bottle bill legislation

Councilwoman Hovsepian commented that a State-wide bill may be possible this year.

3. Bruce Lackey, re 'delinquent notice'
4. M. Tutson, re reappointment
5. Councilwoman Gelman, acknowledging CIP comments

6. Sen. Shore, re Falls/West Kersey
Del. Boergers, re Falls/West Kersey
Del. Forehand, re Falls/West Kersey

7. County Executive, re Ride-On routes

8. William Krebs, re Program Open Space funds for Broome Athletic Park

Councilwoman Hovsepian noted that the City has done well to obtain these funds.

9. DOT, re record extension for I-270 hearing

Councilwoman Hovsepian suggested that the City might want to put a more forceful statement into the record. Councilman Duncan noted that the City has asked for an extension and that has been granted. He said the State has also been asked to provide some documentation on the analysis it has done and has been questioned on the number of feeder lanes at Rt. 28. The City Manager said that Mr. Helms will be meeting with the staff and the affected residents to provide greater detailed information.

10. County Executive, re cable television

11. Randolph Davis, Westleigh, re request for City support

Re: Citizens Forum

The Mayor opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Caroline Wilkes of the Woodley Gardens Homeowners Association. Miss Wilkes told the Council that on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at the Senior Center of Woodley Gardens residents with State Highway Administration staff to discuss the barriers for noise and safety. She said presently they are discussing barriers similar to the wall that exists on the beltway at Georgia Avenue.

2. Merle Crock of TCA Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Crock petitioned the Mayor and Council to beef up the City's police department. He said more help is needed in the Twinbrook area due to the arson problem. There are now a limited number of officers available. He suggested the City look into supernumeraries to handle traffic. The City has collected over 400 signatures to urge the Mayor and Council to make additions to the police department.

Mayor Freeland suggested that Mr. Crock hold that information until budget time when the Mayor and Council seek out testimony from the citizens association as to changes that should be made. He asked specifically that the association come back with a prepared package.

3. Carole T. Cohen, 1707 Farragut Avenue, President of the Twinbrook Citizens Association. Ms. Cohen addressed the Council concerning the purchase of the Rockville United Church property on Linthicum. She briefed the Council on the background beginning 1981 when townhouse construction was considered for the property and explained the progression of events that culminated in the Mayor and Council's decision not to purchase the land. She said all the people involved thought there would be a time lapse before a decision was made and the neighborhood is disappointed with the decision process and the timing with no neighborhood discussion. Mayor Freeland said he thought the price was known to all parties and since it was such a substantial investment the Mayor and Council could not entertain the purchase. Councilman Abrams noted that on January 26, the Recreation and Park Advisory Board considered the item and a negative recommendation came back to the Council, so that it was not only the staff but the citizens who were against the purchase. Ms. Cohen said her comments were not on the final decision but more on the process.

4. Mansfield Kaseman of the Rockville United Church. Reverend Kaseman told the Mayor and Council the Church is still interested in selling the land in the most agreeable fashion for the neighborhood. He suggested there may yet be a way to negotiate a compromise in terms of affordable housing on that property. The Mayor and Council agreed that this item would be reconsidered on a future agenda.

5. Elizabeth Hill, 219 Frederick Avenue. Miss Hill told the Council that police protection is badly needed in sections of Lincoln Park where there are drug problems. She noted that the police are called but they do not respond. A garage on Frederick Avenue constantly has damaged cars parked and there is no fence to screen them although the garage owner has promised to install one. The City Manager noted that the garage is a non-conforming use, the City issues tickets when it can, but after a lapse, the problem rejuvenates. Miss Hill suggested that the property owner should be made to keep his property cleaned just as she keeps hers clean.

6. Ed Gardner, 532 Meadow Hall Drive, Chairman of the Traffic and Transportation Committee of the Twinbrook Citizens Association. Mr. Gardner told the Council that on Wednesday there will be a hearing on Metro rates. The City has supported Metro based on the low cost of mass transportation, but a rate of \$6.25 is not a low cost. The City should go on record in opposition to that. Mayor Freeland agreed that at the same time the State is spending funds to widen I-270 they are raising the transit cost. It would seem more prudent to make use of what the City has instead of building costly projects.

7. Steve Fisher. Mr. Fisher said he is presently getting two Planning Commission agendas and he asked that his name be deleted from one list. He told the

Council that at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and First Street, the four-way stop is constantly ignored. Trees are beginning to obscure the sign. A cutting or pruning is needed.

There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Citizen's Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Adoption of Resolution: To establish fines for violations of the time limit established for audible alarm systems pursuant to the "Alarm Ordinance" of the City of Rockville.

Resolution No. 5-84

Councilman Tyner said he thought it was the intention to have a substantial fine. He asked why the City is going with this low fee instead of urging the County to raise theirs. The City Manager said it might be possible in the future but the City should go ahead and adopt the County's rate. Councilman Abrams said that there are also charges for violations or what is known as an experience rate charge. Councilman Duncan said a small number of companies have the most violations. Chief Stout said there will be a further delay in enforcement. Councilman Tyner said if that is so and the program will not begin by March 1, adoption of the rate should be delayed until the City could confer with the County. Herman Hartman suggested that the supplier of the service should be penalized since he has had a two year battle with his supplier to rectify the system. Mayor Freeland suggested that the Council take action now and make adjustments as needed in the future.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 5-84, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 7 of the Mayor and Council was adopted, establishing fines pursuant to the "Alarm Ordinance" of the City of Rockville.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To repeal Section 8-5.08 and 8-5.09 of the "Laws of Rockville to re-enact and renumber same as Sections 8-5.09 and 8-5.10, respectively, and to enact a new Section 8-5.08 setting forth certain procedures to be followed when municipal infraction citations are issued by officials of Montgomery County

Ordinance No. 4-84

On motion of Councilman Abrams, there was introduced upon the table an ordinance

to repeal Sections 8-5.08 and 8-5.09 of the "Laws of Rockville to re-enact and renumber same as Sections 8-5.09 and 8-5.10, respectively, and to enact a new Section 8-5.08 setting forth certain procedures to be followed when municipal infraction citations are issued by officials of Montgomery County.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Council agreed to waive the lay over and publication requirements for an ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 4-84, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 12 of the Mayor and Council, setting forth procedures for municipal infractions citations was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked when the County enforces the municipal infraction law, who gets the fines. The City Manager said the County does.

Re: Annual Report of Energy Commission

Mr. Raymond Carroll, Chairman of the Energy Commission, addressed the Council and introduced Mr. William Haberman and Steve Albersheim, members of the Commission present in the audience. The Annual Report showed a general decline in total energy use by the City between 1982 and 1983. The report addressed Town Center and Rockville Pike development, Transportation and the Shady Grove Road Energy Recovery Facility. The Energy Commission expressed its continued appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the support of an aggressive and effective energy program in the City. The Mayor and Council discussed specific points of the program with the Commission. Mr. Carroll suggested that in the future the Commission will be getting into transportation interests more than it has in the past. The Mayor asked that the Commission look at Rockville Pike with the Traffic and Transportation Commission possibly devising a program for shuttle service. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Carroll, the Commission and Don Vandrey of the staff who works with the Commission.

Re: Request of Waiver of on-site storm water management: a) Twinbrook Office Building b) 110 North Washington Street c) 1010 Westmore Avenue d) 900 Hungerford Drive e) 1300 Gude Drive

a) Twinbrook Office Building

This site located at 12300 Twinbrook Parkway is the former Pepsi Bottling Plant located at Rockville Pike (Rt. 355) and Twinbrook Parkway. It is in the Rock Creek drainage area approximately 400 feet above the existing public SWM structure to the southwest of the Twinbrook Metro Station.

It is recommended that the on-site SWM requirements be waived and a contribution of \$24,796 be accepted toward the public SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the on-site SWM requirements for Twinbrook Office Building were waived and a contribution of \$24,796 was accepted toward the public SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

b) 110 North Washington Street

This site, located at 110 North Washington Street and situated in the Rock Creek drainage area, has been the site of Rockmont Chevrolet and Manhattan Motors, and has been paved for more than thirty years.

It is recommended that the on-site SWM requirement be waived and the City accept a contribution of \$21,600 (1.8 acres @ \$12,000) toward the City's public SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, approval was given for waiver of SWM requirement for 110 North Washington Street and a contribution of \$21,600 was accepted toward City's public SWM project, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

c) 1010 Westmore Avenue

This 1.3 acre site is located at 1010 Westmore Avenue in the Southlawn Branch of the Rock Creek drainage area. The runoff naturally flows to the northeast through the central outfall on the Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) property.

It is recommended that the on-site SWM requirement be waived for the subject site and the City accept a contribution of \$15,600 toward its off-site public SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, approval was given for waiver of on-site SWM requirement for 1010 Westmore Avenue and a contribution of \$15,600 was accepted toward its off-site public SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

d) 900 Hungerford Drive

A similar request was approved by the Mayor and Council for Mr. Koepenick on this site located at 900 Hungerford Drive on September 14, 1981 under Use Permit U-200-81. The approval on that plan has expired.

Since then, the site plan has been rearranged to fit in better with existing utilities and the impervious acres have been reduced, i.e. less runoff.

Since there is a nearby public SWM facility which could adequately serve the subject project, it is recommended that the City waive the on-site SWM detention

requirement and accept a contribution of \$28,200 (2.35 acres @ \$12,000) toward the City's public off-site program. Such action to be subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, approval was given for waiver of on-site SWM detention requirement for 900 Hungerford Drive and a contribution of \$28,200 was accepted toward the City's public off-site program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

e) 1300 Gude Drive

This office and commercial addition in the 1300 Block of Gude Drive is located in the Rock Creek drainage area, very close the the City/County boundary line. Because of its proximity to the boundary line, there have been some misunderstandings about jurisdictional requirements.

Since on-site SWM is not recommended and the runoff can be safely conveyed to the nearby stream and since there are compensating off-site SWM facilities it is recommended that the on-site SWM requirement be waived and the City accept a contribution of \$8,058 toward its off-site SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, approval was given for waiver of on-site SWM for the 1300 block of Gude Drive, and a contribution of \$8,058 was accepted toward its off-site SWM program, subject to concurrence by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.

Re: Briefing on Public Safety

Chief Jared Stout of the Rockville Police Department, briefed the Mayor and Council on Police Services in the City. It covered the 1983 activities and a forecast of 1985 and beyond. It noted a decline in serious crimes. The total demand for police services remains stable. He noted that the specialized police services are being maintained. Twelve neighborhood watches are now in place and another 15 are expected to begin before June 30, 1984. Cooperation with the County police and all other elements of the County Criminal Justice System is continuing. He spoke in detail of serious crime trends including crimes against property and crimes against persons. He reported on the calls for service. He then reported to the Council on service needs in the future for non-residential development, the opening of Metro rail, and other service requirements. The Mayor and Council questioned Chief Stout on specific areas such as neighborhood problems, substance abuse, ethnic centered activity, the County's four district plan and the teaming of officers. The Chief was asked to inform the Council of where the civilians can do

the work of sworn officers. The Mayor and Council commended Chief Stout on the completeness of the report. He noted the Mayor and Council's pleasure with the work that has been done by the Rockville City Police.

Re: Adoption of new greens fees schedule for the Red Gate Golf Course

In order to keep pace with anticipated FY 85 budget requirements, the staff is recommending a basic \$.25 per nine hole increase in the golf rates and increases in annual membership of \$19 per individual resident and \$24 for individual non-residents.

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the fees as submitted by staff were approved effective March 1, 1984, to keep pace with other courses and to increase the City's revenue.

Re: Work Session on Chapter 13 of the "Laws of Rockville", Occupational Regulations

The Mayor and Council conducted a work session on the Occupational Regulations draft as submitted by the staff. In the course of the work session, many unanswered questions were asked. It was suggested that the staff review the draft, incorporating some of the suggestions, including intent, and clarify several of the ambiguities that exist. After work is done, this can be returned to the Mayor and Council to review before it is circulated for public comment.

Re: Decision and Instructions to staff - M-35-83 and M-36-83, request to rezone 101 South Van Buren Street, to Transitional O-2 Zone

This is a Map Amendment application to extend the transitional boundary and place the property at 101 South Van Buren Street in the transitional zone submitted by the Waters and Clark family. A public hearing was held on the application on January 9, 1984.

Councilwoman Hovsepian said she is not convinced of any change in the character of the neighborhood which has been and remains residential. She is aware of the many problems that exist there due to bad driving but the State is working to improve that.

Councilman Tyner said he agrees with Mrs. Hovsepian, he does not believe the character has changed that much and the prior reasoning of placing that property in the residential zone and not changing it still holds true. Councilwoman Hovsepian said she does not deny the hardship of the residents and she feels badly that it exists but she does not see it as a change that she can sanction. Councilman Duncan

noted that in any rezoning a mistake in the zoning or a change in the character of the neighborhood since the original zoning must be shown and he has not seen that demonstrated. Councilman Abrams said he cannot agree with the statements he heard during the rezoning. He disagrees with both definitions of neighborhood that were used and feels a better definition of neighborhood would be helpful. Also, there was no adequate description done of any change that is occurring. He said he sees perhaps an incremental change that may take place over a period of years, but he would prefer to see the neighborhood defined. Councilman Tyner said that was addressed in the West End's neighborhood planning group. Councilman Abrams said it should be addressed as to what is a neighborhood concept. Mayor Freeland said he can respect the Councilmembers' opinions however he holds a different position. He plans to vote against the motion since he feels the decision is a judgmental call. The property will require City action in the not too distant future when the City will not have the same power that it has now. City dollars will be needed for rehabilitation and at that time the Council will have to look back and see its mistakes. He noted that at the time a decision was made on the Town Center Apartments, mistakes were made that we can look back on now as obvious. It would do well for the City to attempt to preserve some of its structures. He feels this is one occasion where the City should be assisting.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed, the staff was instructed to prepare the necessary legal documentation to deny Map Amendment Application M-35-83 and M-36-83. The motion passed, Councilmembers Duncan, Hovsepian and Tyner voting aye and Mayor Freeland and Councilman Abrams voting nay.

Re: Award of Contract: Bid
No. 46-84, Broome Athletic
Park

Bids were opened in the Boards and Commissions Room on February 15, 1984, at 3:00 p.m. for the construction of Broome Athletic Park. The bid includes grading and seeding of two softball fields, one football field, field irrigation system, field sports lighting, fencing and backstops, walkways and benches.

The contract is to be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest aggregate bid as per the specifications. The bids were received as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Lump Sum Price</u>
Howard County Landscape & Sodding Co., Jessup, Maryland	\$226,754
Tri-Con Inc., Potomac, Maryland	251,600
Rice Corp., Merrifield, Virginia	273,000
Peak, Inc., Beltsville, Maryland	277,900
NOVAC, Inc., Manassas, Virginia	284,700
Pagleiro Brothers Stone Company, Upper Marlboro, Maryland	286,810
First Cambridge Corp., Rockville, Maryland	289,395
Jessie Dustin and Sons, Rockville, Maryland	295,700
Cindell Construction Company, Frederick, Maryland	297,325
Ray Sears & Son, Gambrills, Maryland	300,760
Robert Elder and Sons, Smithsburg, Maryland	304,890

The staff recommends that the Mayor and Council amend the CIP and Program Open Space Grant Application for Phase I and Phase II of Broome Athletic Park to include only ballfield, grading and seeding, field irrigation system, field sports lighting, fencing, backstops, walkways, benches, design and engineering; and approve the award of the low aggregate bid to Howard County, Landscaping and Sodding Company to construct Broome Athletic Park in the amount of \$226,754.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council agreed to amend the CIP application for Phase I and II as the staff recommended and approve the award of bid to Howard Landscaping and Sodding Company in the amount of \$226,754.

Re: Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation and PEPCO re - Gude Drive right-of-way

This is an agreement among the City of Rockville, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (TRANSCO) and the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) regarding property on Gude Drive. Approval of this agreement will allow the City to proceed with the acquisition of certain right-of-way from TRANSCO, and, it will also serve to bind PEPCO to a special assessment for Gude Drive improvements.

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council take the following action regarding the above matter:

1. Approve the purchase of right-of-way from TRANSCO in the amount of \$10,000, and
2. Approve the agreement with TRANSCO and PEPCO pertaining to the pending special assessment.

By taking these actions, the City will obtain needed right of way without further litigation. It will also be assumed the FEPCO will pay the Gude Drive assessment without protest.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Mayor and Council approved the staff recommendations above.

Re: Decision: Advisory
Referendum Questions

Councilwoman Hovsepian submitted questions to the Mayor and Council concerning the filling of vacancies and limitation of terms of office as follows:

Filling of Vacancies

- I. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Mayor during the first six (6) months of the term of office:
 - a) The position of Mayor shall be filled by special election.
 - b) The position of Mayor shall be filled by the elected members of the Council.
- II. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Councilmember during the first six months of the term of office:
 - a) The position of Councilmember shall be filled by special election.
 - b) The position of Councilmember shall be filled by the remaining elected members of the Mayor and Council.

Limitation of terms of Office

- I. Service as Mayor should be limited to two (2) consecutive terms (4 years)
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
- II. Service as Councilmember should be limited to three consecutive terms (6 years).
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

Councilman Duncan reminded the staff they would be sending a sample ballot to all Montgomery County registered voters living in Rockville this election. Councilman Tyner asked who will be explaining the questions. The staff explained the Board of Elections of Supervisors will be giving the background and publishing it in several newsletters. Councilman Duncan suggested that in addition to Councilwoman Hovsepian's question a resolution be prepared questioning the citizens about a four year term for Mayor and Councilmembers. The Council agreed these should be prepared in Resolution form.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance: To
Grant Street Closing
Application, SCA-47-83,
Congressional North,
Applicant, Wagner Road

Ordinance No. 5-84

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 5-84, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 12, granting Street Closing Application, SCA-47-83, was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Discussion of Proposal to form a Local Development Corporation

The Council agreed to postpone this item. Councilwoman Hovsepien suggested it be set up as a work session item with the Economic Development Council. The Mayor asked that the Housing Authority Chairman be included. Councilwoman Hovsepien asked that the Housing Policy Task Force also be included.

Re: Information Items

- 1. Letter re traffic problem at Wintergreen

Councilman Duncan thanked the City Manager and the staff for the fast response to all of the information items dealing with the Hungerford/Stoneridge meeting.

- 2. Response to Hungerford/Stoneridge Association questions
- 3. Memo re Creek at Dawson Farm Park
- 4. Letter to Mead Karras, re Beall Dawson House
- 5. Letter complimenting Police
- 6. Request for BSA transportation during visit

Councilwoman Hovsepien said she felt the staff's recommendations were sufficient.

- 7. Memo re evictions at Summit Apartments
- 8. Response to A. Kalica, re neighborhood plan
- 9. Response to Tribune/United re pedestals
- 10. Information on Landlord/Tenant inquiries
- 11. Current Project list from Recreation Department
- 12. Outline for Rockville Municipal Pool promotion
- 13. Memo from police re traffic violations on Maryland Avenue

Councilman Duncan commended the staff on their operation.

Re: New Business

1. Councilman Duncan noted that there is a movement on the part of the State to allocate program Open Space Funds for Chesapeake Bay. He asked the staff to be aware of this. This City Manager explained that a letter is being sent noting that Program Open Space funds are very essential to City activities and explaining the City's position.

2. Councilman Tyner asked that the City's comments on high Metro fares be transferred to a letter for the hearing.

3. Councilman Abrams called the Mayor and Council's attention to a proposal he has put forth for Richard Montgomery School that proposes alternatives to boundary decision. The City would make a contribution to support programs there and

Councilman Abrams will be working with the Educational Task Force. Mayor Freeland asked that an article be placed in the City newsletter about this.

4. Councilwoman Hovsepian suggested that the staff proceed with the suggestion of merging the Humanities Commission into the Cultural Arts Commission. The Mayor asked that the Humanities Commission chairman be asked for her feelings on the matter. Councilman Duncan asked that a decision be postponed until he has had a chance to talk to her.

5. The City Manager asked that the Council make themselves available for a March 16 meeting at 7 a.m. to take action on a proposed bond issue.

Re: Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 2-84, January 23, 1984, were approved as corrected.

Re: Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was closed for executive session to discuss police matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, March 12, 1984, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.